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IS HARD DAY FOR DEFENSE

Mrs. Annis Makes Impressive Figure as She Taken Stand and Tells in the Quietest Tones Story of August 15 at Bayside Yacht Club.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The trial of Thornton J. Hains reached a dramatic climax today when Mrs. William E. Annis, in a deliberate recital lasting nearly three hours, pictured the killing of her husband by Captain Hains. Mrs. Annis nearly fainted a few minutes before her examination was concluded but quickly recovered. It was a hard day for the defense, and the counsel for Hains was exhausted by cross-examination which was directed toward the State's witnesses in an effort to shake their testimony. Thornton Hains lost much of the easy nonchalance that has hitherto characterized his manner. When led from the court, the prisoner appeared dejected and careworn. Mrs. Annis made an impressive figure on the witness stand as she told in the quietest tones her story of August 15 at Bayside Yacht Club. Several new points were added to the dramatic interest in the trial. When Annis' boat came alongside the float, the widow testified, Thornton beckoned to his brother and led the way down the runway. The shooting followed within a few minutes.

Lawyer McIntyre sought to discredit the "beckoning episode" which the state asserts proves the author induced the army officer to the crime and kept Mrs. Annis on this point under cross-examination nearly half an hour.

Hains' counsel developed that Mrs. Annis had not until last week told District Attorney Darrin that the defendant beckoned to his brother. "I ran down the run-way and Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at me."

FLYNN KNOCKED OUT IN FIRST ROUND

Sam Langford Makes Short Work of the Pueblo Fighter After a Few Minutes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Sam Langford, the colored middleweight made short work of Jim Flynn of Pueblo tonight. He knocked him clean out in the first round after two minutes of fighting. From the outset it was apparent that Flynn didn't have a look in. No sooner had the gong rang than the colored boy went after the Pueblo Irishman, hammer and tongs. Flynn rushed to close quarters but found no shelter there. After two minutes of fighting Langford fainted with his right, bringing his left to Flynn's jaw with an impact heard all over the house. Flynn dropped as if hit with a log. His face turned purple.

FIGHTING THE DEVIL.

Using Original Methods to Suppress Evil in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Adopting as its motto the adage "Fight the devil with fire," the Chicago Law and Order League has begun work on a political organization which will cover the whole city and employ as its own all the legitimate methods of the ward boss and the politician.

Dr. J. V. Bacon, president, has issued specific instructions to members that they are to take the average saloonkeeper as their political mentor and model, using the "man to man" method.

"A customer comes in," says the doctor, "and the saloonman feels him out. He finds where his sympathies lie. Then he begins inculcating his own ideas."

"The customer may differ with him. They argue, always in a friendly spirit. The result is that when that man leaves that saloon he may not have been converted to the saloonkeeper's political ideas, but he thinks the saloonkeeper is a good fellow and he has considerable respect for his opinion."

"Now that is the way we ought to work."

ART TREASURES CHEAP.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Disposition of the art goods and tapestries brought by Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne from London to Chicago, which ultimately were designed to decorate the Fenway Palace in Boston of Mrs. Jack Gardner, but which were seized by the United States custom authorities here as smuggled goods, will be decided today in the United States district court. Mrs. Gardner may put up a bond and certified check for the amount in which the goods are held, approximately \$83,000, recover her treasures and allow the bond to be forfeited. Otherwise they will be sold at auction by court order.

MAJANACAL BIGOT.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—Brandishing a heavy wooden cross and gesticulating wildly, an unidentified man yesterday threw worshippers in two Roman Catholic churches into a panic while he struggled to break through the communion railing to reach the priests who were officiating at early mass. In both places the assailant escaped before the police arrived. His description is said to tally closely with that of Gustav Wirth, a fanatic who shot and killed Sister Theresa at a hospital here last year.

DR. WHITNEY IS GIVEN FIVE YEARS

SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED BY JUDGE CLELAND IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

TAKES SENTENCE CALMLY

Dr. is Convicted of Manslaughter For Causing the Death of His Fiancee, Mabel Wirtz—Given Five Days to Move For New Trial.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$100 was the sentence imposed on Dr. G. B. Whitney Cleland in the Circuit Court this morning. Whitney was convicted of manslaughter for causing the death of his fiancee, Mabel Wirtz, by giving her bichloride of mercury in capsules. Five days' time in which to move for a new trial was allowed, at the request of Attorney Jeffrey, who defended Whitney.

The young dentist received his sentence calmly and said nothing when Judge Cleland asked him if there was any reason why sentence should not be pronounced.

JURY FOR FINCH COMPLETED

On Trial for the Murder of R. B. Fisher.

PLEAD SELF DEFENSE

Defendant Will Tell How He Was Attacked by Fisher With Notary's Seal

CASE PROCEEDING RAPIDLY

Special District Attorney Spencer in Opening Argument Shows Confidence of Victory For His Side—Two Witnesses Were Examined.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—"We expect to show beyond any question of a doubt," said Special Deputy District Attorney Spencer, in summarizing his opening argument in the case of J. A. Finch, a disbarred lawyer, on trial for murder for killing Prosecutor Ralph B. Fisher of the State Bar Association. "And we will show in the minutest detail to the satisfaction of any man who believes in law and the protection of human life, that this man Finch with vengeance in his heart and revenge in his mind, went up there sneakingly, cowardly, murderously and as dastardly and diabolical a fashion as any murder ever committed away this young husband and father."

That Fisher practically compelled him to shoot will be Finch's declaration from the witness stand, according to the opening statement made by Attorney C. F. Lord of counsel for Finch. Defendant's attorney said that Finch would tell of a peaceful visit to Fisher, wherein he (Finch) was seeking to build up his lost reputation and regain the goodwill of the bar association. He will tell of Fisher having a sudden and unexplainable fit of wrath during which he attacked Finch with a notary's seal. Driven into a corner, he was desperately assailed by a larger man and finally compelled to shoot to prevent his own brains from being beaten out.

These two statements, presents the stand which will be assumed by the different parties to the case. Considerable progress was made with the case today. Two juries necessary to complete the jury were secured, the opening statements were made and two witnesses were examined. Both gave technical and relatively unimportant testimony.

FEHRINGER STRONG WITNESS

Gives Detailed Statement of Many Outrages.

UNION CITY, Dec. 21.—The state state practically completed its case against the eight night riders for the murder of Captain Rankin today when it drew from Frank Fehrerger a member of the band, a detailed statement not only of the Rankin tragedy, but of a score or more of other outrages. It also called Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story.

The startling testimony of Fehrerger was given with an exactitude of detail that was amazing. When Mrs. Johnson was called, a murmur of satisfaction arose. Nearly every one knew she had been whipped but none except the grand jury and prosecuting officers had heard her story.

Mrs. Johnson after several years' marriage to Joe Johnson, sued for divorce, alleging cruelty. Early in September the night riders visited her

father's house and notified her to withdraw the suit. She failed and on the second visit her father was whipped. On both occasions she was at her sister's house. On September 30 the night riders visited her sister's house about 11 o'clock at night. Mrs. Johnson awoke to find her room filled with masked men. A man whom she said she recognized as Frank Pinion, one of the defendants, told her she must withdraw the suit. Mrs. Johnson refused, to which the speaker replied: "You will before we are through with you. If you dismiss the case we will see that he supports your child, but you must not touch his property." Mrs. Johnson insisted on pressing the case. Then the men filed out of the room and held a conference after which they returned and dragged her roughly from the bed and led her a distance of 250 yards, where they threw her over a log in the woods and beat her across the shoulders with a strap. After the first beating they asked her if she would dismiss the case. She said no. Again she was whipped. This time her fighting spirit was broken, and she gave in. "Let's give her another," said one of the band. "No," Pinion is said to have replied. "She has had enough."

Judge James after sending the jury out said: "There are eight defendants charged with capital offense. They are not handcuffed and are under guard of only two deputies. I do not think this safe. Therefore I order the sheriff to handcuff these men and ask the military to detail ten armed men to serve as guards." The defense objected vigorously, but the judge refused to withdraw his orders.

A GOOD LESSON.

Experience of a Chicago Girl in the Matter of Automobiles.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A practical joke played upon a young woman guest of the Auditorium Annex nearly caused a riot of chauffeurs at the hotel.

The trouble began when the young woman was told by the clerk over the house telephone: "Your car is ready."

She replied that she had ordered no car. However, in quick succession five more calls were turned in. Hotel detectives explained to the waiting chauffeurs that they were not wanted. The young woman explained that recently she expressed the opinion that there was less automobiling in Chicago than in New York.

DESTINATION OF MAINE IS UNKNOWN

THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIP LEAVES NORFOLK UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

PERHAPS TO VENEZUELA

Neither State or Navy Officials Will Make Any Statement Further Than to Say the Maine Has Gone on a "Cruise."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Complete mystery surrounds the destination of the battleship Maine which left Norfolk today under sealed orders. Neither the state nor navy department officials will make any statement on the subject further than to say that the vessel has gone on "a cruise." They do not affirm or deny that the ship is bound for Venezuelan waters. The American government is without any naval representation in that immediate section and should an outbreak against the existing government occur such American interests as may exist in La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Maracaibo would have to appeal to the navies of foreign nations.

CARNEGIE CLEVERLY AVOIDS FIGURES IN HIS TESTIMONY

RARE ARCTIC BIRD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—As result of the cold snap of last week Golden Gate museum has come into possession of a Townsend warbler, one of the rarest of Arctic birds. The bird was found yesterday lying dead in one of the paths of the park by a gardener, who took it to Curator W. G. Blunt of the natural history section of the museum. During the migratory season this warbler is found between the Pacific Coast and the Rocky Mountains and nowhere else.

ARAGO MAKES BIG RUN TO TILLAMOOK

IS RECEIVED BY MUCH CHEERING WHEN SHE ARRIVES IN PORT.

HAS BIG LOAD OF FREIGHT

Because of the Argo's Quick Service Most of the Merchants Are Ordering Their Freight Shipped by This Boat.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 21.—There was considerable rejoicing in this city when the Argo arrived on her maiden trip from Portland, and she was received with a most hearty cheer by the people. She crossed in yesterday morning and unloaded part of her cargo at Bay City. It was after 7 o'clock when she arrived here and owing to her length it was predicted that she could not come up the slough on so small a tide, but she did so and an hour and a half before high tide, without the least trouble, rounding the numerous curves in the slough without touching the bank. The Argo no sooner tied up at the lumber company's dock than she commenced to unload, something unusual in this city, and much to the surprise and joy of people here she sailed early next morning to return yesterday. Most of the merchants are ordering their freight shipped by the Argo, and the farmers say that unless they patronize her they will withdraw their trade.

BILLIARDIST ILL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Jake Schaefer, once star of the billiard world, now trying to regain his health in Colorado, wired to Thomas Foley that he will challenge the winner of the coming match between Sutton and Sloss.

GOMEZ INTRODUCES NEW GOVERNMENT

Secret Advice From Caracas Stating That Venezuela is Reaching Crisis Makes Him Act.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 21.—Vice-President Gomez, to whom Castro handed over the presidency before his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men who represent various ways in the country's political history. Not only has Dr. Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo who is now traveling with Castro also removed from the office of minister of education, General Ferre, minister of war, has been superseded by General Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolution six years ago.

Investigating Witnesses for Tariff Hearing.

EIGHT HOURS STAND

Says That Steel Industry Needs No More Protecting at Its Present Stage

TELLS SOME FUNNY STORIES

Urges Committee to Accept Testimony of Judge Gary as Conclusive—Magazine Article is Basis of Questions Asked Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Andrew Carnegie, famous for the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions was entertaining, if not instructive, witness before the house of ways and means committee of the tariff hearings today. Carnegie's recent magazine article on the steel schedule was the basis of questions asked him. Although on the stand for nearly eight hours, Carnegie laughed and joked good naturedly throughout. He expander several of the stand-patters with his epigrammatic replies; praised the genius of Charles M. Schwab; urged the committee to accept the testimony of Judge Gary as conclusive and told several funny stories. He avoided the figures, however, to such an extent that it is doubtful if the tariff framers are any more enlightened on the steel question tonight than when they were before Carnegie was sworn.

Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protecting; that it has reached a point where American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade condition.

He said that Judge Gary told the committee that the United States Steel Corporation can get along without tariff on its products and that should be sufficient evidence for the committee for the committee to take the duty off steel and iron.

son for the world's championship at 181. Schaefer went west last summer broken down in health, but his condition is improving rapidly, and within 30 days he will begin practice.